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1. (Previously presented) A method of assembling a book, comprising the steps of:
 - (A) storing a first number of pages;
 - (B) specifying pagination information including an indication of whether a stored page is to be selectively included in the book;
 - (C) determining whether a stored page is to be assembled into the book based on the pagination information wherein a total number of stored pages to be assembled into the book is less than the first number; and
 - (D) generating page description language instructions for production of the book in accordance with the pagination information.
 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises the step of analyzing variable information areas of the page.
 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing press commands directed to production of the book to determine whether the page is to be assembled into the book.
 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of generating a pagination file having data representative of the pagination information.
 5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of deriving a maximum number of pages for the book based on the pagination information.
 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination information includes filler page information.
 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination information includes a specification of whether the page should be forced to one of a right side and a left side of the book.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of specifying page description language instructions to produce a barcode on the page.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the barcode is indicative of tracking information.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating page description language instructions comprises the step of generating instructions for production of page numbering information on the page.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating page description language instructions comprises the step of generating instructions for insertion of filler pages in accordance with the pagination information.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of delivering the page description language instructions to an electronic press to print the book.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of specifying the pagination information comprises the step of providing a user interface for entry of the pagination information.
